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SUPPORT FOR THE LEAD-ACID BATTERY RECOVERY AND RECYCLE ACT

Assembly Bill 2748 (Gatto), "Environmental disaster: release of claims: statute of limitations: attorneys' fees," proposes to bar certain releases of claims, extend the statute of limitations for personal injury actions, and allow for the recovery of attorneys' fees, to assist persons who are affected by exposure to a hazardous material or toxic substance in connection with either the environmental disaster that occurred at Southern California Gas Company's Aliso Canyon gas storage facility or the contamination surrounding the Exide Technologies facility in the City of Vernon.

AB 2748 was enrolled and presented to the Governor for his signature on September 9, 2016, and would be effective January 1, 2017. The Bill is supported by a number of labor and environmental organizations.

The thousands of Los Angeles County residents who were harmed by emissions from the Aliso Canyon gas storage facility and contamination surrounding the Exide facility would benefit from the additional legal rights afforded by this legislation.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board instruct the Chief Executive Officer, in coordination with the Department of Public Health, to prepare a five signature letter to the Governor expressing the County's support for Assembly Bill 2748 and respectfully requesting his approval of the legislation.

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